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Wheat Growers to Meet Tuesday at Lexington Grange

The annual meeting of the Morrow County Wheat Growers association will be held next Tuesday, Nov. 27 at the Lexington Grange hall starting at 9 a. m. A varied program of interest to both men and women has been prepared and a good turnout is hoped for.

One of the important jobs to be tackled will be for committees to develop recommendations for a working program for the Oregon Wheat Growers League which will meet early in December in Portland.

A greatly increased program of interest to women has been planned and according to Mrs. John Graves chairman of the domestic wheat utilization committee, there will be a baking contest included as part of Tuesday's program. Prizes will be given for the best six cookies brought to the meeting. The women will also discuss the annual county baking contest which is sponsored by the Oregon Wheat League which is exhibited and is judged at the county fair. Suggestions are needed as to the type of contest wanted for 1957. Sponge cakes were featured in 1955 and butter cakes in 1956.

Plans will also be discussed for the various activities for the women at the annual Oregon Wheat League meeting to be held in Portland Dec. 6, 7 and 8. One of the activities of the annual meeting is the cake bake-off scheduled for Dec. 7. First place winners from all the county exhibits will vie for the state prize of \$100. Mrs. Alex Green of Heppner was the local winner and she will compete with eight other county winners.

Archie Bechdolt New Grange Master

Archie Bechdolt was named new master of the Rhea Creek grange Sunday at the regular monthly meeting of the organization. The election was held following a pot-luck dinner at one o'clock.

Other new officers are Barton Clark, overseer; Harold Wright, secretary; Elmer Palmer, treasurer; Mrs. Alfred Lovgren, lecturer; Mrs. Barton Clark, chaplain; Leslie Babb, steward; Walter Wright, assistant steward; Mrs. John Bergstrom, lady assistant steward; Mrs. Elmer Palmer, cures; Mrs. Harold Wright, pomona; Mrs. Adrian Bechdolt, flora; Trvin Barlow, gate keeper; Mrs. Walter Wright, musician; Leonard Hill, Delbert Wright and Ray Wright, executive members.

A gift of a floor lamp was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Wright and Mrs. Wright was welcomed into the grange as a new member.

Death-Free Weekend Is Hope of State

Oregon traffic safety officials today pinned their hopes on a repeat performance of last year's death-free Thanksgiving as they urged drivers to "take it easy" over the holiday.

Oregon went death-free last Thanksgiving, but 212 accidents were reported and 58 people were injured.

The biggest hazard over Thanksgiving, the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission noted, is "too many people attempting to drive too far in one day in order to spend the holiday with friends and relatives."

This, officials said, leads to driving at unsafe speeds for road and weather conditions as well as a tired driver.

If an out-of-town trip is planned, the Commission has three suggestions:

1. Start early and drive at sensible speeds.
2. Stop frequently for a "breather."
3. Watch out for icy spots on mountain roads or in other locations where ice might be anticipated.

FARM BUREAU TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Morrow County Farm Bureau will be held Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 8 p. m. at the home of Harold Beach, Lexington. A report on the state convention will be given.

COLD FRONT BRINGS SNOW AND LOW TEMPERATURES TO COUNTY SUNDAY

A cold front accompanied by heavy clouds moved in on most of Morrow county above the elevation of Cecil Sunday and by nightfall had pushed temperatures below freezing and dropped up to six inches of snow over the area. It was not the first snow to fall this winter, but it was the heaviest and the first to last for any length of time.

Following the storm front a high pressure brought clearing skies Sunday night and by Monday morning the official temperature in Heppner had dropped to 13 degrees, the coldest of the winter season. There was some

thawing Monday as the sun shown from a nearly cloudless sky, but the mercury dropped Tuesday morning to a low 19 degrees.

Streets and roads at Heppner and at elevations above about 2000 feet were icy and logging operations in the mountains were at a standstill Monday. Heppner received nearly an inch of wet snow some of which was still visible Wednesday. Up to six inches fell in the mountains.

The weather forecast called for gradually warming temperatures during the next couple of days.

ATTEMPTS MADE TO ENTER THREE LOCAL STORES BY WAY OF ROOFS

Attempts were made to enter three Heppner businesses some time late last week, but the would-be burglars apparently were scared off before they could complete their work, according to local police.

Frank Hamlin, owner of Aiken's Place, was the first to notice that something was wrong when water from Sunday afternoon's melting snow began dripping through the ceiling of the establishment. Investigation revealed that a hole had been bored in the roof of the building and an attempt made to remove a section of the ceiling of the walk-in refrigerator in the tavern. Just when the attempt was made is

not known but it is thought it occurred Friday night. A homemade ladder and a brace and bit were found on the roof by police officers.

Monday morning further investigation revealed that a skylight had been broken out of the rear of the Turf club on Main street, and doors pried off a ventilator shaft on the roof of the Heppner Variety store. Neither business was entered.

Both sheriff C. J. D. Bauman and Heppner police chief Dean Gilman are investigating. Just over a week ago two other Heppner businesses, Tum-A-Lum Lumber Company and Farley Motor company were robbed of slightly over \$100.

GRASSMAN, CONSERVATION AWARDS GIVEN AT FARM-CITY WEEK BANQUET

The first annual Farm-City Week banquet was held Monday night at the Heppner Legion hall with over 100 persons from most sections of the county in attendance. Guests of honor were Norman and Alfred Nelson, county conservation men of the year, and Alvin Wagenblast, county grassman of the year, and second place winner in the state grassman contest.

Speaker of the evening was Charles W. Smith, former Morrow county agent who is now assistant director of the extension service at Corvallis. He told of the development of the Columbia river during the past 30 years and what it had meant to the farmers and city residents of this area. He pointed out that the immediate future doesn't look too bright for farmers, but stressed

that ranchers of this area particularly had always been optimists. He explained why now, more than ever before, farmers and city folks are dependent on each other. He said that farm produce sales in Oregon last year amounted to over \$400,000,000.

The Nelson brothers were congratulated for their conservation efforts and were awarded a desk set by Newt O'Hara, chairman of the Heppner Soil Conservation district. Irvin Rauch on behalf of the Morrow County Farm Bureau, presented Wagenblast with his grassman plaque.

The banquet which was presided over by county judge Barnett Barratt, was sponsored jointly by the Heppner Soil Conservation district and the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce.

AAA NEW ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO DECLINE OF POPULAR SPORT

By Mrs. William Labhart
Special GT Sports Reporter
According to the laws of the state of turmoil, a new organization was duely formed and incorporated Friday, November 17 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Barratt.

The group known as the Ancient Athletes Associated, Junior Division, elected the following officers after two and one-half hours of a game commonly known as volleyball played at the high school gym.

Officers are: president, Mrs. William Barratt; vice-president, Mrs. Delmer Jordan; secretary, Mrs. Bradley Fancher; treasurer, Mrs. Larry Downen; publicity chairman, Mrs. William Labhart; recruiter, Mrs. Alex Thompson; Sgt.-at-arms, Larry Downen; chaplain, Bill Labhart; entertainment chairman, Bill Barratt; legal counsel, Bradley Fancher; keeper of the grounds, Alex Thompson.

The motto chosen by the group is "Old athletes never die, they just look that way," the AAA

colors are black and blue, and the organizational flower is hops. Due to a disagreement a nickname was not selected but the following were presented to the group for consideration and will be voted on at the next meeting: gargoyles, snails, night crawlers, bar flies, smelt, fleas and muskies.

Anyone wishing to aid and abet the decline of volleyball may call any of the officers for information about the next meeting night.

The AAA hopes to meet once a week either in the high school gym or multipurpose room depending upon the condition of muscles, ligaments, tendons and bruises.

Refreshments were served by the host and hostess following the business meeting.

Lexington Woman Wins Grange Contest

Portland, Ore.—Helen Nelson, Lexington, won honorable mention in the jelly making class in the Oregon State Grange's 17th annual home canning contest sponsored by The Amalgamated Sugar company, makers of White Satin sugar.

Hundreds of entries were received in this year's contest, which was judged at state grange headquarters here. White Satin officials said the competition was keen.

The company's big plant at Nyssa, the only sugar refinery in Oregon, now is in the process of converting some 600,000 tons of beets into sugar. When the job is completed in late February, approximately 160,000,000 pounds of White Satin sugar will have been produced—enough to give a 100-pound sack to each man, woman and child in Oregon.

Episcopal Church Plans Services For Thanksgiving

There will be two celebrations of the Holy Communion at All Saints' Episcopal church in observance of Thanksgiving, Rev. George R. S. Little, rector, announced today.

The first will be Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. and the other on Thanksgiving morning at 10 o'clock. The morning service will be with choir and sermon.

All persons coming to either service are requested to bring canned goods (not home canned) which will be distributed to the needy and any surplus will be given to the local hospital.

Livestock Prices Gain Slightly

HERMISTON—It was "odd-lot day" at the Hermiston Livestock Commission Co. sale Friday as an unusually large number of consignors, 114, placed 507 cattle, 239 hogs and 66 sheep on the auction block.

Manager Delbert Anson reported the sale was fast moving with plenty of buyers on hand to bid for the animals. Prices were up slightly with feeder pigs hitting a new high for the season of \$17 cwt. and steer calves selling well from \$17.20 to \$18.30 cwt.

Dairy cows were off slightly, ranging from \$80 to \$125.50 with fat hogs also taking a slight dip with a top of \$15.50 cwt., reflecting a similar trend in Eastern markets.

Needed for next week will be good quality stock cows and steer calves, Anson said. The market:

CATTLE: Baby calves, 1.50 to 8 per head; heifer calves, 13.10 to 15.90 cwt.; steer calves, 17.20 to 18.30 cwt.; veal, 16.60 to 17.40 cwt.; stocker steers, 13.20 to 14.30 cwt.; grass fat heifers, 13.40 to 15.10 cwt.; dairy cows, 80 to 112.50 per head; stock cows, 81 to 94 per head; commercial cows, 11.10 to 12.40 cwt.; utility cows, 9.30 to 10.60 cwt.; canners and cutters, 7.19 to 9.00 cwt.; utility cows, 9.30 to 10.60 cwt.; canners and cutters, 7.10 to 9.00 cwt.; shells, 4.25 to 6.90 cwt.; and bulls, 11.10 to 12.40 cwt.

HOGS: Weaner pigs, 6 to 11 per head; feeder pigs, 14.50 to 17.00 cwt. (new high for season); fat hogs, 14.75 to 15.50 cwt.; and sows, 11.10 to 13.20 cwt.

SHEEP: Feeder and fat lambs, 15.20 to 17.00 cwt.

Those earning top prices at the market included T. F. Kirk, Stanfield, 17.00 cwt. for 10 feeder pigs of 1110 pounds; J. D. Christley, Hermiston, 15.50 cwt for 25 fat hogs of 5385 pounds; Max Taylor, Walla Walla, 16.60 cwt. for eight feeder steers of 6000 pounds; Herman F. Klendworth, Ione, 18.30 cwt. for four steer calves of 1845 pounds; High Smith, Hermiston, 112.50 for one dairy cow; and Larry Gentry, Heppner, 17.00 cwt. for two fat lambs of 230 pounds.

Adult Classes on Soils and Fertilizers To Start Monday

The advisory council of the vocational agricultural department of Heppner high school this week announced the start of adult evening classes on soils and fertilizers. Classes are scheduled for three hours each and will start Monday, November 26 at 7 p. m.

The fee for the course will be \$10 per person or \$16 for a husband and wife. Further information can be obtained from L. L. Robbins, vocational ag instructor at the school.

Church Plans for Harvest Offering

The Heppner Christian church has set November 25 as their Harvest Offering Sunday. It was announced this week. A goal of \$1,500 has been set and the funds will be used to make needed repairs on the church building.

Work which will be done will include furnace repair, the adding of three new classrooms and the balance of the fund will be applied on the parsonage debt.

Following the morning service a potluck dinner will be served in the church dining room. A program will follow with music by the Northwest Christian College quartet scheduled.

RUGGS STORE SOLD

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Leathers have sold the Ruggs grocery store and are moving to Heppner to live. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ball will operate the business.

Surfacing Rock Now Going On Willow Creek Road

County road crews this week started placing surfacing rock on the six-mile stretch of Willow creek road which has been completely rebuilt and straightened during the past year. It is expected that the surfacing will be completed within about three weeks.

The road, which will be paved for 12 miles above Heppner some time next year, has been under construction for over a year by county crews. The grading and construction work on the first six miles has been completed and will be surfaced for use until it is paved next year. Crews will work this winter on the upper six miles of the project which will improve the road from the Heppner city limits to the wells at the forks of Willow creek.

It had originally been planned to pave the lower half of the section this year with the money to come from state highway department funds, but the state was unable to complete the engineering work so the paving had to be delayed. As a result, the entire 12 mile section will be paved during the summer of 1957.

At the present time nearly seven miles of grading and straightening have been completed with county crews now working near the mouth of Skinner creek where there is considerable heavy rock work to be done to straighten some bad curves. The lower end of the road will have a good macadam surface within a short time.

Christmas Seal Sale Started in County

Morrow county residents are already returning dollars for sheets of Christmas Seals recently sent out by the local committee, Mrs. Jack Angel, county seal sale chairman said today.

The annual seal sale is sponsored by the Morrow county TB and Health Association a part of the state association which this year is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Mrs. Herman Green is president of the county group.

Money from the well known Christmas seals goes to fight tuberculosis not only in the county, but also the state and the nation. Twenty-six percent of the money collected here goes to the state organization who sends six percent of that amount to the national group. This money is used for research, scholarships and the operation of mobile X-Ray units which detect the disease.

The Morrow county TB and Health association uses its money to provide free chest X-Rays on special days at Pioneer Memorial hospital, has purchased a special chest X-Ray machine in use at the hospital and has paid for all tuberculin patch tests which have been taken in the county.

The seal sale is one of national importance and all residents who have received their seals are asked to return their contributions as soon as possible.

New Congressman To Hold Conferences

Congressman-elect Al Ullman confirmed here today his decision to hold a series of conferences throughout the second district, and announced his tentative schedule.

"This is a service I feel that I owe to the people of my district. There are many problems, both on general policy matters and specific projects, that will need early attention in Congress," Ullman said.

Ullman is commencing his schedule in La Grande on November 19. The balance of Thanksgiving week he will spend in Baker where the Chamber of Commerce is giving a dinner in his honor on Tuesday night, November 20.

On Tuesday, November 27, Ullman will be in Ontario on Thursday, the 29th he will be in Pendleton and Milton-Freewater.

Ullman's schedule for the following week includes Monday, December 3, Klamath Falls; Tuesday, Dec. 4, Bend; Wednesday, December 5, a. m. Prineville; Thursday, December 6, Hood River and The Dalles; Friday, December 7, attending the Wheat League convention in Portland.

Local headquarters will be set up in each community, and Ullman will be available for conferences with groups and individuals.

New Telephone Directories Due Soon; Style Change Seen

Pacific Telephone customers at Pendleton, Heppner, Ione and Lexington are getting a new telephone directory this year that has been revised completely from front to back cover.

Delivery of the 7,800 books will start November 23, the day after Thanksgiving. Locally hired employees of Products Development Corporation, California firm will deliver 5,000 of the books door-to-door. The remainder will be mailed, according to manager Dallas Short.

This year's directory is a larger "metropolitan size", measuring 9 by 11 inches. The alphabetical sections are set in three columns instead of two columns in last year's directory.

The exterior makeup of the book is also different. The front cover, reproduced in brown and yellow, bears a fullpage picture taken at the Pendleton Roundup by Bus Howdysell, famed Roundup photographer.

The picture shows Eddie Akridge, 1953 all-around cowboy trophy winner, putting the spurs to the well known rodeo horse, "Terrible Swede."

In another makeup change, the book has been divided into four distinct sections. The first section of 24 pages is devoted to Pendleton, Heppner, Ione and Lexington alphabetical listings. This is followed by a 120-page section of yellow-page classified listings. Next comes two separate 16-page sections for Milton-Freewater, Athena and Weston numbers, and for Hermiston, Echo, Stanfield and Umatilla numbers.

Separate directories have been printed for Hermiston, Echo, Stanfield and Umatilla customers have a full-page picture of McNary Dam on the front cover. On the front cover of the 3,000 directories for Milton-Freewater, Athena and Weston is a full-page pea harvest picture produced in blue, yellow and green.

A total of 12,000 directories have been printed for the Pendleton area, 5,700 for Hermiston and 4,000 for Milton-Freewater. Extra copies above the initial delivery are kept in supply for replacements and new orders during the year.

Thirteen thousand pounds of paper were used in printing the more than 4,000,000 pages in the total press run for the three books.

Bank to Oppose Any Move for Required Saturday Closing

The First National Bank of Portland gave notice this week that it will oppose any Oregon legislative move toward requiring the Saturday closing of banks in the state.

C. B. Stephenson, president of the bank, wrote most newspapers that he understood that such a bill would be introduced in the 1957 legislature.

Stephenson said recently professionally conducted surveys conducted in the state showed that bank closing on Saturdays would inconvenience more than one-third of the bank's Saturday customers and would be generally unpopular. He also said that Friday and Saturday are the two biggest banking days.

The president said most employees are now on a 5-day week and that a forced Saturday closing would mean a reduction of about 13 percent in employment in the organization.

Savings Bond Sales Climb in Oregon

Sales of United States treasury savings bonds in October were \$3,761,938 for the State of Oregon, up 7% over those of last year. In this county, sales last month were \$57,710, compared to \$28,450 for October of 1955. These figures were issued today by Jack Bedford, county Savings Bonds committee chairman.

"Volunteer savings bonds workers in many Oregon counties are hopeful that generally good crops in the state this year will result in at least normal sales for the state during the remainder of this year," said Bedford. "Our sales for the first ten months of this year were the best we have had in the state since 1945, except for last year."

Mrs. Elaine George left Monday for a two weeks vacation in San Francisco.

Dr. and Mrs. Doug Macauley of Prosser, Washington are guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. James Noren over the Thanksgiving holiday.

School Traffic Recommendations Made By Group

A community traffic safety committee, which was set up by the Heppner school board at its November meeting, met November 14 and made several recommendations to improve the safety conditions under which children are loaded and unloaded from buses and parents' cars at the local schools.

Their suggestions included: 1—That no parking be permitted in front of the new building between 8 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. and that school buses pull onto the parking area to load and unload. Also, that parents who bring children to school by car be required to come in from the west and load and unload children directly across the street from the new school and that the "no parking" sign be changed to "no parking" during the hours of 8 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. on school days.

2—That the city council be requested to install a blinking red light at the crosswalk which would be operated by a switch at the school and could be put in operation at 8 a. m. and be turned off at 5 o'clock in the evening. This light would require all traffic to stop at the crosswalk during school hours before proceeding.

3—it was also recommended to the school board that the blacktop areas be extended in front of the new school and around the corner to join the present blacktop area by the multipurpose room and that the city council be requested to move the fire hydrant back from the street to school property line so as to give more parking space for school patrons and faculty members. Other discussion concerned blacktopping a portion of the lawn by the high school and making it available for parking space.

4—No parking be allowed on the highway from the gym past the turn toward the fair grounds and also that no car be permitted to park on the new sidewalk to the fair grounds.

5—The parking in front of the multipurpose room on the west side of the new school be reserved for faculty parking during school hours.

The committee included Jack Loyd, chairman, from the school board; Janice Downen, representative of the Civic League; Phil Blakney, city council; Dorothy Wagner, young mothers club; Joe Stewart, superintendent; Clarence Johnson, grade school principal; William Labhart and Dean Gilman, traffic advisors.

Mrs. Lindstrom Head Of County Multiple Sclerosis Society

Mrs. Franklin Lindstrom of Ione last week was named Morrow county chairman of the multiple sclerosis society of Oregon by Robert H. Grayson, Portland, president of the state society.

Mrs. Lindstrom this week announced that the annual Christmas program of the society will be held December 8 at Portland and that the county committee which includes in addition to Mrs. Lindstrom, Mrs. Verner Troedson, Mrs. Garland Swanson, Mrs. Leo Crabtree and Adon Hamlett, are now collecting gifts to be used at the party.

Mrs. Lindstrom said that Hamlett's office in Ione is the collecting place for anyone wishing to donate gifts for the society and she said that the need is for clothing, radios, lamps and other similar personal items which can be used to make the life of those persons afflicted with the disease a little easier.

Need For Ground Observers To Be Explained at Meet

A meeting of interest to residents of this area will be held Thursday evening, Dec. 6 at the Arlington high school gym when Lt. Col. Gaffney, Air Force officer from Boise will tell of the importance of local Ground Observer Corps post. The meeting was arranged by Fred McClintock, observer at Cecil.

McClintock recently was taken on a 10 day trip to England Field in Florida where he observed an Air Force firepower demonstration and learned of the country's need for local observer posts.

The meeting is open to the public and anyone interested is urged to attend.